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BOARD MEMBERS REAPPOINTED

The Missouri State Board of Nursing is pleased to announce that Governor Warren E. Hearnes has reappointed Miss Mary Ruth Cuddy, R.N. and Mrs. Lucille Ferry, R.N. to the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

NEW BOARD OFFICERS

Mrs. Una Rice Thomas, R.N. was elected President, and Mrs. Florence Harris, L.P.N. was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri State Board of Nursing for the 1971-72 year.

Mrs. Thomas is the Chairman, Department of Nursing, Mineral Area College, Flat River, Missouri. Mrs. Harris is the Executive Secretary, Missouri Association of Licensed Practical Nurses.

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

September 21-22, 1971
November 16-19, 1971

(Requests for Board consideration should be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the meeting date.)

STATE BOARD TEST POOL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

PROFESSIONAL NURSE EXAMINATIONS

September 14-15, 1971
December 8-9, 1971
March 14-15, 1972

June 8-9, 12-13, 14-15, 1972

(Please note: the September 2-3, 1971 examination has been cancelled due to the decrease in schools graduating students in the summer months.)

PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINATIONS

June 15, 1971
October 14-15, 1971
March 20, 1972
June 1-2, 1972

STATE BOARD TEST POOL RANKING

PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION:

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING has compiled the ranking for professional nurse examination for the year of June 1969 through May 1970 based on reports from Series 669.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>MISSOURI RANK</u>	<u>MISSOURI AVERAGE</u>	<u>NATIONAL AVERAGE</u>
Medical Nursing	7th	543.2	523.0
Surgical Nursing	6th	548.2	523.5
Obstetric Nursing	7th	539.5	517
Nursing of Children	4th	550.2	520.7
Psychiatric Nursing	10th	536.3	511.7

The number of first time candidates considered for this information was 40,967
The number of Missouri candidates considered for this information was 1,139.

PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINATION

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING has compiled the ranking for practical nurse examination for the year of June 1969 through May 1970 based on reports from Series 869. Missouri ranked 10th with an average of 540.3 in comparison with the national average of 506.5. The number of first time candidates considered for this information was 35,703. The number of Missouri candidates considered was 828.

REPEAT EXAMINATION POLICY CHANGED

At their regularly scheduled meeting April 26-27, 1971 the members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing revised the present policy regarding the eligibility for rewriting the State Board Test Pool Examination for Missouri nurse licensure as follows:

"The candidate will not be limited to the number of times he/she may rewrite the examination and the candidate will need to rewrite the failed areas only."

Candidates who have been determined ineligible to rewrite the State Board Test Pool Examination because of failure on the fourth attempt will need to rewrite all failed subjects on the fourth writing.

Candidates who have not written the fourth time will need to rewrite all areas in which a minimum score of 350 has not been attained.

L.P.N. candidates will necessarily have to rewrite the entire examination due to the integrated content of the examination.

OUT OF STATE EXAMINATION FAILURE CANDIDATE POLICY CHANGE

At their regularly scheduled meeting June 22-23, 1971 the members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing established the following policy:

"Persons who have failed the State Board Test Pool Examination for licensure in another State will be allowed to write the Missouri State Board Test Pool Examination for licensure in Missouri. For further information please contact the Missouri State Board of Nursing office.

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.

Employment Authorizations are issued for a limited period of time to enable persons to meet Missouri requirements for licensure. To be eligible for an Employment Authorization the Missouri Board of Nursing must have verification from that person's original state or country that the person has been licensed in that state or country. These persons should be able to show an employment authorization upon the request of the employer. The employer should note the termination date of the authorization. Without an employment authorization these persons are to be considered unlicensed personnel.

ALTERED LICENSE

Should you be presented with an altered license please contact the Board of Nursing. Please give the following information:

Name of person
Address of person
School of Nursing
Date of Graduation
Birthdate of person

If possible please make a copy of the license and send to the Board of Nursing.

EMPLOYMENT OF NEW GRADUATES

This is the time of year new graduates nurses are entering the employment field and employers are questioning hiring these nurses. The following is taken from:

"Chapter 335 Missouri Nursing Practice Act"

Section 335.030: "What acts or practices not prohibited.____ No provision of this law shall be construed as prohibiting____ graduates of such schools or courses pending results of the first licensing examination scheduled by the Board following graduation____." The dates for examination are given in this newsletter. The graduate will receive the license approximately 8-10 weeks following the examination. All licenses are mailed at the same time so if your employee has not received his/her license when others have please call the Board of Nursing office to determine whether or not the person has failed or the license is being held for some reason.

SCHOOL REMAINING OPEN

Kansas City General Hospital, School of Nursing, Kansas City, Missouri has notified the State Board of Nursing office that it will not be closing as had been previously announced.

EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT LICENSE

Do you check your employees for current Missouri licensure?

"Chapter 335 Nursing Practice Act"....Section 335.020. Licensure as registered nurse required. - It is unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice registered professional nursing or licensed practical nursing in this state for compensation or personal profit, or to use any title, sign, abbreviation, cards, or device to indicate that such person is practicing registered professional nursing or licensed practical nursing unless he has been duly licensed under this chapter.

PRACTICAL NURSE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

Practical Nurse Correspondence Schools are NOT recognized as accredited schools of practical nursing in Missouri. Persons receiving certificates from these schools are NOT eligible to write the State Board Test Pool Examination for Practical Nurse Licensure in Missouri. The Board of Nursing office would appreciate employers informing their unlicensed personnel of this fact.

LICENSE REVOKED

Action taken by the Missouri State Board of Nursing:

Freda Crane Jackson

Also known as

Freda Lucille Magness

Missouri Licensed Practical Nurse #1986
License revoked April 26, 1971

SIXTH TEST FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSE LICENSURE THIRD TEST FOR PRACTICAL NURSE LICENSURE

First time candidates are expected to complete a sixth test for Registered Nurse and a third test for Licensed Practical Nurse examination. These tests are composed of test items proposed for inclusion in future tests. The value of each item is determined by N.L.N. Department of Evaluation following an analysis from the results of candidates participation in these tests.

In the past candidates were not informed of this procedure; however, N.L.N. has advised the State Boards that secrecy is no longer vital; therefore, it is recommended that Directors of Schools explain this last test to their students. N.L.N. would like the candidates to realize that although this test does not affect the candidates overall score he/she must realize their full cooperation is necessary to maintain the standards of the profession.

ADVANCED NOTIFICATION OF STATE BOARD TEST POOL EXAMINATION SCORES

It has been a policy of the Missouri State Board of Nursing to notify members of the Armed Services their State Board Test Pool Examination results in advance of other candidates. Most states have terminated this procedure and as N.L.N. has pointed out it does delay the IBM scoring calculations considerably, this policy will now be discontinued by the Missouri State Board and no preference for return scores will be given to any candidate.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

We wish to thank the following individuals who graciously responded to our request for volunteer services:

Miss Norma Riechter, L.P.N.
Mrs. Florence Amos, L.P.N.
Mrs. Juanita Dye, P.N. Student
Brother Tom Murphy, P.N. Student
Mrs. Robert Kingsland, R.N.
Miss Virginia Dyer, R.N.

Miss Faith Smith, R.N.
Mrs. Leone Baker, R.N.
Mrs. Mary Kaiser, R.N.
Miss Anne Kallenbach, R.N.
Mrs. Arlis Akre, R.N.
Mrs. Charlene Newman, R.N.

HOUSE BILL NO. 529

House Bill No. 529, relating to the increased fee structure in the Missouri Nurse Practice Act passed both Houses and was approved by Governor Warren E. Hearnes on July 12, 1971. The Board of Nursing wishes to acknowledge appreciation to all Missouri nurses who have worked diligently in the support of this bill, to the Missouri Nurses' Association for their endorsement, and to Senator William J. Cason and Representative Frank Wells for their generous assistance, guidance, and successful endeavors in promulgating House Bill No. 529 in the 76th General Assembly. The legislative act will become effective September 28, 1971.

The following fee changes entail: application fee for license to practice as a registered professional nurse in Missouri from fifteen to twenty-five dollars; application fee for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in Missouri from ten to twenty dollars; application fee for obstetric nurse from ten to twenty dollars; renewal license fee from two to five dollars; application fee for school accreditation from twenty-five to fifty dollars; annual registration fee for schools from twenty-five to fifty dollars; Board members expenses from ten to twenty-five dollars a day.

Sister Olivia Drusch, Director of Nursing, Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, Missouri has announced her retirement as of August 1, 1971. Mrs. Olivia Collins will be her successor. We wish them both well.